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German Man Indicted for \$1.2 Million Theft from Taj Mahal Casino

ATLANTIC CITY -- Attorney General John J. Farmer, Jr. announced that a German man was indicted today by a state grand jury on charges for his alleged theft of \$1,250,000 from the Taj Mahal Casino Resort.

Majid S. Farvid, 53, of Dusseldorf, Germany was named in a six count indictment charging him with three counts of second-degree Theft by Deception for filling out a false credit application and writing two checks based on that false information. Farvid was also indicted for Issuing a False Financial Statement (third degree) and two counts of writing Bad Checks (second degree).

According to the indictment, Farvid applied for and received credit at the Taj Mahal between November 24, 1997 and December 12, 1997 by indicating a checking account that was not his own on his credit applications. The account belonged to The Mirage in Las Vegas, Nevada. He then referred to the same account when writing two checks, one for \$165,000 and one for \$700,000 to pay back his outstanding credit.

State Deputy Attorney General James Ruberton presented the case to the grand jury. The indictment was handed up to Superior Court Judge Linda R. Feinberg, Mercer County assignment judge and has been assigned to Atlantic County for trial. Judge Feinberg issued a warrant for Favid's arrest based on today's indictment.

An indictment is merely an accusation. The defendant is presumed innocent until or unless proven guilty.

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